

The Spider's Web

This story shows the foolishness of disobeying those who love and care for us.

Belinda Beetle belonged to a very large family. Like all beetles, she had four wings: two underwings for flying, and two upper ones for covering and protecting the special flying wings. Right down her back was a straight line where the two wings met.

Belinda was a shiny Christmas beetle with six long legs and two feelers. She was very proud of her beautiful colours...so beautiful that she could almost have been used as a decoration on a Christmas tree.

Belinda would spend most of her day climbing gum trees and munching on the juicy green leaves. Sometimes she would see beautiful spiders' webs shining in the sunshine.

"How I would love to touch a beautiful spider's web," she thought, but knew she mustn't, as her father and mother had told her NEVER, NEVER TO GO NEAR SPIDERS' WEBS.

"A spider's web is very sticky," they would say. "If you touch it you will get caught in it and not be able to get out again."

Belinda was a very curious little beetle. She was so curious that one day, she just couldn't resist going near a spider's web. "If I'm very, very careful," she thought, "I'm sure I could touch the web without getting caught."

Belinda reached out one of her six long legs. She touched the web, then quickly tried to pull back again. She pulled and pulled, but she only became more entangled in the web. There she was, stuck in the beautiful shiny spider's web.

Now Belinda knew why her mother and father told her to NEVER, NEVER GO NEAR SPIDERS' WEBS....and now she knew that she should have obeyed.